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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MUSCOLE SHOALS

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

MOULTON BAPTIST CHURCH,

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA,

OCTOBER 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1885.

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OFFICERS.

ELD. MAT LYON,..... MODERATOR,..... Moulton, Ala.
ELD. JOS. SHACKELFORD,..... CLERK,..... Trinity Station, Ala.
T. W. LYNCH,..... TREASURER,..... Moulton, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

LOCATED AT MOULTON, ALABAMA.

O. D. GIBSON, Chairman. C. G. LYNCH, Secretary.
THOS. W. LYNCH, Treasurer.
W. D. McDANIEL. L. M. WEAR. P. J. HUTCHINSON,
WM. IRVIN. JOHN MOORE.

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MONTGOMERY, ALA.:
THE ALABAMA BAPTIST PRINT,
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Moderator shall call the Association to order and appoint reading Clerks.
2. Read letters from the churches and enroll delegates.
3. Elect officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondence from other bodies.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
7. Appoint committees, viz: 1. On Devotional Exercises. 2. State of Religion. 3. Deceased Ministers. 4. Documents. 5. Finance. 6. On tabulating statistical able from letters.
8. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
9. Report of Board of Trustees of the Baptist Female Institute at Moulton.
10. Call for report of Executive Board.
11. Call for Treasurer's Report.
12. Call for report of Board of Ministerial Education.
13. Appoint time and place of next meeting of the Association.
14. Appoint preacher of introductory sermon and the alternate.
15. Call for reports of standing committees in the order of their appointment.
16. Call for reports of other committees in their order.
17. Resolutions and miscellaneous business.
18. Read the Minutes, call the roll, and adjourn.

The next Session will be held at Hartsell, Morgan county, Ala., commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1886.

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE MUSCLE SHOAL ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR POST OFFICES:

Adams, S. R. C. Danville, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Bradford, Isaac Avoca, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Carter, W. B. Hartsell, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Cobbs, W. T. Trinity Station, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Finney, Mike, Newburg, Franklin county, Alabama.
 Gunn, Jackson, Trinity Station, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Gibson, J. S. Mount Hope, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Hembre, J. H. Danville, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Halbrooks, H. J. Somerville, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Lyon, Matt, Moulton, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Melton, H. W. Laudersville, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 McClanahan, J. D. Hartsell, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Nesmith, John R. Avoca, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Norwood, R. W. Moulton, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Pace, J. O. A. Russellville, Franklin county, Alabama.
 Roan, J. F. Somerville, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Roberts, J. M. Moulton, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Shackelford, Jos. Trinity Station, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Speer, John, Trinity Station, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Stockton, J. I. Trinity Station, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Stockton, W. A. Moulton, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Smith, W. G. W. Falkville, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Summers, W. C. Avoca, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Steenson, S. M. Tusculumbia, Colbert county, Alabama.
 Thompson, J. N. Falkville, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Wear, R. T. Mount Hope, Lawrence county, Alabama.
 Weaver, T. J. Somerville, Morgan county, Alabama.
 Weaver, John E. Lawrence's Cave, Morgan county, Alabama.

MINUTES.

The delegates composing the sixty-sixth Annual Session of the Muscle Shoals Association of Baptists convened with the Moulton Baptist Church, Lawrence County, Ala., on Friday, the second day of October, 1885. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. T. Wear, from Luke, 19th, verse 10. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

After the sermon there was a recess for one hour and a half.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Elder W. B. Carter, the former Moderator. Elder Jos. Shackelford, the former Clerk, took his place at the Clerk's table.

The Association was opened by singing, and prayer by the Moderator. Brethren O. D. Gibson, W. H. Simpson, and S. R. C. Adams, were appointed Reading Clerks.

The letters from the churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows :

Tuscumbia—John D. Inman.
Russellville—Wm. East, John C. Harris, Peter Clay.
Macedonia (F)—M. FINNEY.
Bethel (L)—JOHN R. NESMITH, G. W. Smith.
Mt. Pleasant—A. H. Stanley, Reuben Smith, R. W. Hennigan.
Mt. Zion (L)—W. H. Henderson, H. R. Dawson, J. H. Bemer.
Okolona—J. M. Riley, S. L. Muston, W. D. Brasswell.
Bethany—A. M. Crisler.
Town Creek—R. T. WEAR, J. S. GIBSON, H. W. MELTON.
Salem—D. C. Murphree, R. W. NORWOOD.
Moulton—M. LYON, O. D. Gibson, J. N. Bragg.
Pleasant Grove—D. B. Barnett, W. Tucker, A. J. Chambliss.
Harmony—J. S. Howell.
New Hope—J. E. Coffey, E. A. Moran.
Mission Grove—John Yates.
Gum Spring (L)—W. H. Muston, J. D. Hagood.
Zion—J. C. Leatherwood, Ples. Farley.
Enon—Jesse T. Wallace, L. A. Ware, R. L. Keys.
Hillsboro—J. W. Wallace.
Decatur—Jos. SHACKELFORD.
Pleasant Hill—J. S. Hale, JOHN SPEER, J. E. Smith.
Macedonia (M)—Wm. White, J. W. Swilling, A. H. Smith.
Hopewell—W. W. Orr, W. F. Orr.

Friendship—James Wiley, Thos. McDaniel.
 Lebanon—H. B. Kimbrough, S. J. Willhite, H. E. Woods.
 Mt. Pisgah (M)—W. B. Carter, W. Hardy Burt.
 Bethel (M)—Jas. C. Love, S. H. Ponder, Jesse A. Holbrooks.
 Mt. Zion (M)—W. G. W. SMITH, C. Thompson.
 Gum Springs (M)—J. E. Roan, T. H. Ward, M. H. Fenley.
 Shoal Creek—Monroe Tapscott, L. M. McGee.
 Blue Springs—R. M. McClure, T. J. WEAVER.
 Rocky Creek—J. W. Drinkard, J. M. Holmes.
 Mt. Nebo—R. B. Gibson, J. R. Witt, C. L. Owen.
 Etha—G. C. Williams, J. Pinkney Scruggs.
 New Friendship—P. R. Wright.
 Hartsell—J. D. McCLANAHAN, J. C. Orr, W. H. Simpson.
 Danville—S. R. C. ADAMS, J. G. Orr, W. R. Frazier.

After the enrollment of the names of the delegates, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder Mat Lyon as Moderator, and Elder Jos. Shackelford as clerk.

The Moderator elect, returned his thanks to the brethren for the honor placed upon him, and requested them to aid him in preserving order. The Association then proceeded to business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

On motion, the order of business as printed in last year's minutes, with a slight amendment, was adopted as the order of business for this session.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Elder J. O. A. Pace was received, as a correspondent from Big Bear Creek Association. He also presented a minute of that body.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

DELEGATES AND CORRESPONDENTS.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, which meets at Birmingham on Friday (16th,) before the 3rd Sabbath in July 1886.

R. T. Wear, John Speer, Jos. Shackelford, T. J. Weaver, J. S. Gibson,
 S. R. C. Adams, J. D. McClanahan, J. M. Roberts, John C. Harris, R. W.
 Norwood, Wm. East, W. B. Carter, O. D. Gibson, John C. Orr, J. R.
 Nesmith.

Correspondents to North Liberty Association—J. Gunn, S. R. G.
 Adams, John Speer, T. J. Weaver, W. B. Carter, M. Finney.
 To Big Bear Creek—M. Finney, J. M. Roberts.
 To Mt. Carmel—W. B. Carter, John E. Weaver.
 To Warrior River—J. C. Orr, A. B. Keller, W. B. Carter.
 To Sulphur Springs—J. D. McClanahan, W. B. Carter.

COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the following committees.

On Devotional Exercises—Wm. East, J. C. Orr, Jesse Wallace and the Deacons of the Moulton Church.

On Finance—John S. Hale, R. M. McClure, Wm. East.

On motion of Jos. Shackelford, the hour of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to-morrow morning was made the special hour for the consideration of the general subject of Missions.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported that Elder John Speer would preach to night.

On motion adjourned until 9 A. M. Saturday. Prayer by Elder W. B. Carter.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, October 3rd, 1885.

The Association met at the hour appointed. Prayer by Elder J. O. A. Pace. The minutes of Friday were read and approved. A letter from Liberty Church was read, which informed the Association of the inability of that church to keep up preaching, and wished the Association to take charge of its house of worship.

COMMITTEES.

On State of Religion—W. W. Orr, M. Finney, G. W. Smith.

On Deceased Ministers—J. S. Gibson, Jesse Wallace, W. T. Cobbs.

On Documents—J. D. McClanahan, Peter Clay, O. D. Gibson.

A communication was read from Brother J. G. Harris, editor and proprietor of the Alabama Baptist, concerning that paper, in which he asked the support of the Baptists of the Muscle Shoals Association, and their co-operation, in his efforts to give them a good paper. Elder J. Shackelford, was permitted to secure subscribers for the same. He obtained a few.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report of the Board of Ministerial Education was read, also the report of the Treasurer of that Board, and on motion, 3 o'clock this evening was appointed for their consideration.

SPECIAL ORDER.

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M. the hour appointed for the consideration of the general subject of Missions, the Report on Foreign Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions and the Reports of the Missionaries of the Association, Brothers Speer, Lyon and Adams, were read. Also the Report of the Executive Board, and the subject discussed, by Brethren M. Lyon, Jos. Shackelford, W. B. Carter, S. L. Muston, until about 12 o'clock, when, pending the discussion, the Association adjourned, for one hour and a half. Prayer by Bro. John Speer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Opened with prayer by Elder M. Finney.

The subject of Missions was continued, and speeches were made by B. ren. M. Finney, R. T. Wear, Jos. Shackelford, W. B. Carter, A. J. Harris, of Nashville, Tenn. After which, pledges and collections for missions was taken up, amounting to \$703 55; and also one 500 lbs. bale of

otton. It was moved and carried, that the subject of Sabbath Schools be considered at 9 o'clock on Sunday, and that another effort be made to increase the amount for missions.

The Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, was made as follows:

Elder J. O. A. Pace, will preach to night.

SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

At the Baptist Church, 11 A. M.—Elder Jos. Shackelford.

At the Baptist Church, 3 P. M.—Elder F. Finney.

At the Baptist Church, night—Elder S. R. C. Adams.

At the Methodist Church, 11 A. M.—W. B. Carter.

At the colored Baptist Church, 11 A. M.—R. T. Wear.

At the colored Baptist Church, night—W. G. W. Smith.

Association adjourned to 8½ A. M. Monday morning. Prayer by Elder S. R. C. Adams.

SUNDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

OCTOBER, 4th. 1885.

At 9 o'clock, the Association met, and was opened by prayer, by Brother A. J. Harris, of Tennessee. The Report on Sunday Schools was then read by Elder J. R. Nesmith, and after discussion by Brethren Nesmith, Shackelford, J. C. Orr, W. G. W. Smith, and Kirkland, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed last year, having had the subject under serious consideration, submit the following Report.

Happy are we to say, that the idea, or doctrine, of a Sunday School in every Baptist Church, has been set forth, and successfully maintained by this body. And we believe that much good has been accomplished. The Scriptures abound with the idea of teaching the children, of raising them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We hold and maintain, that the church is the nursery of the Lord; it is here that we, the church, are to gather the blind and give them gospel light. Here, we the church are to unstop the deaf ears, for faith cometh by hearing; it is here that the sin sick of every nation, kindred and tongue, are to be brought and taught the way of life, of peace on earth and good will to men. There is a place where children are secure from the ravages of the devil, that glorious refuge is here. The Scriptures say, "Thou shalt diligently teach them to thy children, when thou sitteth in thy house with them." Some one will say that means at home. Admit it does, may it not also mean in a spiritual sense the church, our Heavenly home, where we meet and correct every Sunday the past weeks work, where we return our heartfelt thanks for all past favors, and where we supplicate the Throne of Grace for coming time, and where we sing God's praises, sitting together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

J. R. NESMITH, Chairman.

SUNDAY—10 A. M.

Another effort was made to increase the pledges for missions, which were increased to nearly \$800. The amount of pledges and collections will be found in another place, after the reports.

The Association adjourned for preaching.

The Brethren appointed to preach, filled their respective appointments, and we trust much good was done by the preaching of the Word.

The congregation at the Baptist Church was very large, many could not get in. There was also a good congregation at the Methodist Church.

The Association adjourned.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS—Oct. 5, 1885.

The Association convened at the appointed time, and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. T. Weaver.

The Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and approved.

The report on Associational Missions was then taken from the table and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Associational Missions, would say, that much has been accomplished by your missionaries, not only in winning souls to Christ, but in the indoctrinating of christians: Yet much more remains to be done, and your committee hesitate as to the best plan, but believe that the present plan has been more effectual, than those heretofore tried, and we would recommend a continuance of the same, with a slight modification as expressed in the resolutions below, and would earnestly recommend to the churches the importance of this great work.

R. T. WEAR,
J. M. ROBERTS,
W. D. McDANIEL.

Committee.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Brother Jos. Shackelford, as an amendment to the above report, and was adopted.

WHEREAS, There exists within the bounds of the Muscle Shoales Association, a number of villages, towns and country places, which are destitute of Baptist Churches and Baptist preaching, or have very weak churches, and,

WHEREAS, These places are centers of trade, population, talent, education and influence; Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body, that these places should be occupied by Baptists and that a good part of our mission money, should be expended in preaching to the people, where the people live, and therefore can assemble for worship and Sabbath School.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on Foreign Mission was taken up and adopted as follows:

In this brief paper, we are not expected to give a general history of missions, nor to sketch a geographical map of the great destitutions, nor to show how much has been done in the past. But it is our purpose to look into the duties of to-day, and the demands upon us, to make an honest effort to save the lost. As the harvest field is great, covering nearly one half of the globe and containing four hundred millions of people, who know not the way of salvation by grace. And these people were made by the same Divine Hand that made us, and possess souls of equal value with ours, and we are traveling together to the same eternity, it becomes us to feel that we are equals, and brothers in the flesh, and that they have as much right to the Way of Life as we have, and as great need of the Joys of Salvation as we, or, any other people have.

The great question before us to-day is, "Am I my brothers' keeper?" What have we to do with the Salvation of the heathen? The answer comes from Him, who had all power in Heaven and earth, saying "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." This command has no uncertain sound. It is the voice of God, demanding of us, first to "go." Go to the dark and benighted regions of the world: Then to "teach," teach the ignorant, the grand lessons of Divine Truths: Then to baptize those that have

been taught. Here is our duty plainly laid down in God's Word. It is given to the church as a church, and therefore includes all of its members.

Now, as the church stands between the offended God, and the offender man, and between the heathen world, and the world of Woe, feeling her responsibility, both to God and man. Well may she inquire, with anxious heart and trembling voice. Lord, how can I "go," or reach the heathen, so as to teach, bless and save them? We answer, that some of her members, such as are called and qualified for that work can go in person, and literally obey this commission. Of this fact, we are glad. The whole church can obey by representation. Go with their prayers and sympathies for suffering humanity. Go with their money, to support the missionary, and the mission work. Thus we can all go with our means, and do all the work required, by representation. Let us then, unite our efforts, and "as we have freely received, so freely give." For Christ said, "give." Let then the rich, of their abundance give abundantly, and the poor, of their poverty, give as the Lord has prospered them, and the widow, of her penury give her "two mites," and thus, we will be mutual fellow helpers to the truth, the light of which, will soon flash upon the distant shores, and a nation shall be born to God, in a day. Then will God say, "well done," and the angels will cry amen.

JACKSON GUNN, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The report on State Missions was then taken up and adopted, as follows:

Your committee on State Missions note with pleasure the work done by the State Mission Board, during the last conventional year, as seen from the report of that Board to the last State Convention held at Tuskegee, of which we give a synopsis: 81 persons were employed, of whom 27 were missionary pastors; 18 were missionaries, 1 evangelist and 26 missionaries and colporteurs, and 8 colporteurs. The results in part of their labors, were 13 churches constituted; 919 baptized; 71 Sunday Schools organized; 4063 sermons and addresses delivered; 167,036 pages of tracts distributed; 6 meeting houses completed; 927 prayer meetings conducted.

Through the efforts of this Board, churches have been planted and houses built at a number of important towns, and weak churches have been assisted. That Board has assisted two weak churches in this Association, Decatur and Tuscumbia. We are gratified at the progress of State Missions, and we earnestly commend its work to the liberality of our churches. In sustaining the board of the convention, this Association is aiding in the dissemination of the gospel throughout the State, as well as in our own Association. The colporteur work of the State Mission Board is a grand work, and increasing in efficiency every year. Baptist literature is being scattered broadcast over our land, and in the near future we will reap a good harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The report of the Executive Board which was read on Monday, was taken up, and adopted as follows:

The Executive Board would respectfully make this as its report to the Muscle Shoals Association.

The Board met in Moulton on the 18th of October, 1884, and transacted the following business: We divided the Association into three districts, known as No. 1, 2 and 3. The first district to be that portion of the Association known as the Tennessee Valley, west of Decatur. District No. 2,

to embrace that portion of the Association, lying west of a line running north and south, through Moulton, not embraced in district No. 1. District, No. 3, to contain all the territory of the Association lying east of the said line running north and south, through Moulton, not embraced in district No. 1.

Brother John Speer was selected as a missionary for No. 1, on a salary of twenty-five dollars per month.

Brother Mat Lyon, was placed in the territory known as district No. 2, on a salary of thirty-five dollars per month. Because district No. 3 is so large, the Board gave Brother Lyon permission to occupy a part of that district lying east of Moulton, but prohibiting him from occupying more than one Sunday in said district. District No. 3, was given to Brother S. R. C. Adams, on a salary of thirty dollars per month.

Each of the three missionaries were permitted to preach to one church as pastor, and receive such compensation as that church which each served as pastor might pay him. The above named brethren were to enter their respective fields on the first day of November 1884, and continue therein, until the first of October 1885, with the exception of the three months, January, February and March, 1885. The missionaries were not to be paid for these three months in which they were not employed.

It is the opinion of your Board, that the missionaries have done good service, but we respectfully invite the criticism of the Association as to the time, places and manner of the work done.

The above course was pursued, because we thought it the best.

May the Great Head of the Church, preside over your deliberations, is the prayer of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. GIBSON, President.

C. G. LYNCH, Secretary.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

The reports of the missionaries were read and received, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

JOHN SPEER'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: -I was employed by your Executive Board in Nov. 1884, to travel as an evangelist, at a salary of twenty-five dollars per month, allowing me the privilege of preaching to one church, as pastor. I began work November 10, 1884, and continued to December 31, 1884. By agreement work was suspended until April the 1st, 1885. Since which time, I have been earnestly and humbly laboring for the Master, in the hard field consigned me. Work done as follows: Protracted meetings held, five; sermons preached, 94; exhortations delivered, 49; witnessed the conversion of 27 precious souls; baptized 15, others awaiting baptism; organized 4 Sabbath Schools; organized one church; assisted in the ordination of two deacons, and one minister. By order of the Board, I received of Elder J. L. Stockton \$3.89 worth of books and tracts, which I have sold, except 60 cents worth of tracts, which are on hand. I attended 24 prayer meetings; made 267 religious visits; have traveled about 1,684 miles; have received \$80 on my salary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SPEER.

M. LYON'S REPORT.

Under a contract for eight months with your Executive Board, I com-

menced my missionary service on the first day of November last, in that portion of territory lying west of Flint Creek, and east of Russellville, and extending a few miles north and south of a line running east from Russellville, I served in the month of November and December of last year, and from the first of April to the 30th of September, inclusive, of this year; that is during three fourths of each of those eight months; the remaining fourth of each month having been occupied with my pastorate in Moulton. The following is a brief summary of my work:

Days of service, 134; miles traveled, 1512; sermons delivered, 82; visits to families, 274; visits to 8 regular, and two occasional mission stations, 57. I have, besides, visited four churches; assisted in ordaining one deacon; donated six Bibles and 64 Testaments, sent to me by Corresponding Secretary, T. M. Bailey; sold 98 books and pamphlets; and donated 9 packages of tracts; all furnished by Brother Bailey. I have baptized 6 persons, assisted in receiving one by letter, and have seen five persons baptized by R. T. Wear, in connection with my labors. I have officiated at three funerals and attended five protracted meetings. No part of this report has any reference to any service I have engaged in as pastor of the church in Moulton. I have received \$120 on my salary.

It may not be inappropriate to add, that during the months of January, February and March, when I was not employed as missionary, I spent twenty days gratuitously in Lawrence and Morgan counties in missionary work, in which time I traveled 2487 miles; preached 17 sermons; made 33 visits to families; assisted once in administering the Lord's Supper; took part in the ordination of two deacons, and one minister of the Gospel, besides attending to my pastoral duties in Moulton. From the opinions of others, whom I esteem competent to judge, I am persuaded that I have been doing some good during the past year in mission work, and I feel sure, that the field, I have been occupying if rightly cultivated, has promise of good results.

Respectfully submitted,

MATT LYON.

S. R. C. ADAMS' REPORT.

BRETHREN: On the first day of November, 1884, I accepted the appointment of your Executive Board; to labor as a missionary in the 3rd District of the Association, as laid off by the Board, for missionary work; at a salary of \$30 per month, with the privilege of serving Enon and Danville Churches as pastor. The following is a summary of my labors for eight months, the time agreed upon.

Number of sermons preached, 195; miles traveled, 2174; religious visits 485; prayer meetings held 25; baptisms 27; baptized by others in connection with my labors, 41; subscribers to the Alabama Baptist, obtained 2; to the Baptist Reflector, 2.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. C. ADAMS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. W. LYNCH, Treasurer,

In account with Muscle Shoals Association.

1884.

Dr.

Oct. 8.	To cash paid by O D Gibson.....	\$974 05
Oct. 12.	To cash paid by John Speer for Okolona church.....	3 00
Nov. 17.	To cash paid by J I Stockton on books.....	1 10
Nov. 27.	To cash from Hillsboro church.....	7 75
Dec. 31.	To cash from Decatur church.....	10 00

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April 6.	To cash from Hillsboro church.....	6 00
April 6.	To cash from Harmony church.....	50
Ap'l 18.	To cash from T M Bailey, State Mission Board.....	2 30
May 30.	To cash from J R Nesmith for Bethel church.....	5 00
June 10.	To cash from Russelville church by Mrs Kirk.....	10 00
Sept. 16	To cash from Russelville church.....	15 00

Total.....\$1034 90

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Oct. 1.	To cash from J R Nesmith foreign mission Bethel church.....	50
Oct 1.	To cash paid from Thomas Masterson.....	5 00
Oct. 4.	To cash from F C Owen's bequest, interest.....	20 00

Total.....\$1060 40

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Oct. 8.	By cash paid T J Weaver for salary as missionary.....	\$150 00
Oct. 8.	By cash paid J I Stockton for salary as missionary.....	150 00
Oct. 8.	By cash paid M Lyon " " " " " ".....	130 00
Oct. 8.	By cash paid J Speer balance for salary as missionary.....	35 00
Oct. 8.	By cash paid J Gunn.....	91 60
Oct. 12.	By cash paid J Shackelford for Decatur church.....	25 10
Dec. 15.	By cash paid M Lyon.....	50 00
Dec. 15.	By cash paid J Speer.....	20 00
Dec. 23.	By cash paid S R C Adams.....	60 10
Dec. 31.	By cash paid J Shackelford for Decatur church.....	25 10

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Jan. 8.	By cash paid T M Bailey for State Mission Board.....	24 15
Jan. 10.	By cash paid J Speer.....	15 00
Feb. 19.	By cash paid M Lyon.....	10 00
Mar. 5.	By cash paid S R C Adams.....	20 00
Mar. 14	By cash paid M Lyon.....	5 00
April 1.	By cash paid J Shackelford for Decatur church.....	25 00
Ap'l 18.	By cash paid T M Bailey for State Mission Board.....	25 00
May 30.	By cash paid J Speer.....	20 00
May 30.	By cash paid S R C Adams.....	30 00
May 30.	By cash paid M Lyon.....	15 00
June 10.	By cash paid M Lyon.....	10 00
July 2.	By cash paid J Shackelford for Decatur church.....	25 00
July 3.	By cash paid M Lyon.....	5 00
July 13.	By cash paid T M Bailey for State Mission Board.....	14 95
July 28.	By cash paid J Speer.....	25 00
Sept 16.	By cash paid M Lyon.....	30 00
	By cash on hand.....	24 40

Total.....\$1060 40

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. LYNCH, Treasurer.

Collection, and pledges as taken on Saturday and Sunday for missions were as follows :

FROM CHURCHES.

Tuscumbia	\$10 00	Okalona.....	\$5 00
Russellville.....	105 00	Bethany.....	5 00
Macedonia (F).....	25 00	Town Creek.....	30 00
Mt. Pleasant val. 500lbs b.cot.		Salem.....	5 00
Mt. Zion (L).....	5 00	Moulton.....	105 00
Harmony.....	15 00	Moulton S School.....	5 00
Gum Springs (L).....	5 00	Enon.....	35 00
Hillsboro.....	40 00	Decatur.....	35 00
Pleasant Hill.....	30 00	Macedonia (M).....	22 75
Hopewell.....	25 00	Friendship.....	5 00
Mt. Pisgah.....	45 00	Bethel (M) paid F C.....	12 00
Shoal Creek.....	10 00	Gum Springs (M).....	5 00
Blue Springs.....	5 00	Mt. Nebo.....	10 00
Mt. Zion (M) home mission.	10 00	Rocky Creek Foreign missions	5 00
Hartsell.....	21 00	Danville.....	15 00
Mission Grove paid F C.....	7 50		
			<u>\$299 75</u>

\$363 50

Total pledges by churches and one bale of cotton..... \$663 25

CASH AND PLEDGES FROM INDIVIDUALS.

J R Nesmith.....	\$5 00	P R Wright.....	2 00
G W Smith.....	2 50	H B Kimbrough.....	2 00
S J Wilhite.....	1 00	H E Wood.....	1 00
Mrs. Annie Roberts.....	1 00	James Armour.....	50
Miss Glenn Orr.....	5 00	Miss Pattie Gunn.....	1 00
Miss Bettie Gunn.....	5 00	W J Coltingham.....	1 00
Mrs. Adrian Prewett.....	5 00	Wilson Roper.....	5 00
R A McClanahan jr.....	1 00	J R Witt, Home mission.....	1 00
W G Braswell.....	1 00	C L Owens.....	1 00
Miss Mattie Masterson.....	1 00	L P Craig.....	1 00
A H Stanley.....	5 00	R B Gibson.....	1 00
Theophilus Jones.....	5 00	W H Jankin.....	1 00
John Prater.....	2 00	Wm. Johnson.....	1 00
Thomas McDaniel.....	1 00	W F Robertson.....	1 00
R I. Prince.....	1 00	S H Ponder.....	1 00
H L Stephens.....	1 00	Mrs Carpenter.....	1 00
Emma Gibson.....	3 00	Mrs. F C Robertson.....	1 00
Sister P Gibson paid.....	1 00	Miss Nina Wear.....	1 00
Mrs. F G Gibson.....	1 00	Miss Sallie Gibson.....	1 00
Miss Ava Pearson.....	1 00	Ann and Lucy Wear.....	1 00
J M Roberts.....	1 00	Miss Mittie Shoemaker.....	5 00
Miss Emma Shackelford paid.	2 00	Cash.....	2 90
H W Melton paid.....	1 00	Mrs S C Wallace.....	2 50

\$52 50

\$85 90

Total cash and pledges.....	\$88 40
Total pledges from churches.....	663 25
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Total cash and pledges.....	751 65
One bale of cotton estimated at	40 00
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Total missionary funds.....	\$791 65

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The report of the Board of Ministerial Education was taken from the table, and on motion was adopted, as follows:

Your Board of Ministerial Education, submit the following report of its work for the last associational year.

At a meeting of the board at Mountain View, High School House, on October 17, 1885, the following members were present. Brethren J. Gunn, Jos. Shackelford, J. I. Stockton, and John S. Hale. Bro. W. T. Cobb presented himself as an applicant for aid from the ministerial fund. After an examination of the candidate, and his credentials as a minister of the gospel, from Shoal Creek Church, which were satisfactory to the board. Bro. W. T. Cobbs, was received as a beneficiary of the board, and the board agreed to pay him ten dollars per month, and house rent. Bro. Cobbs entered the Mountain View High School, on the 17th of last November, and has been going to that school up to the present time, that is, from November 17th 1884, to October 1st 1885, 8 1-2 months. Bro. J. E. Herring, who is attending Howard College, Marion Alabama, as a ministerial student, also applied for aid, and the board instructed its Treasurer to send him forty dollars, to aid him in securing an education.

Bro. Herring is a member of Mt. Pisgah Church, Morgan County, and promises to make a useful minister of the gospel. The Board expended some money in repairing a house, and making it comfortable for Brother Cobbs and family. We intended, when this was done, to save the rent of a house, as we had the house offered to us without rent, but in a short time, another arrangement was made, which was more satisfactory to all parties, and the house was vacated. The amount expended in fixing it up was small however. Bro. Cobbs is improving, and we think the money expended in assisting him to get an education is well spent. Up to this time the Board has had sufficient means to meet all the demands made upon it, but we have very little on hand, and will need all the money pledged at the last association to sustain Bro. Cobbs at school for nine months longer, which it is our desire to do, if the Association will approve. The total amount of pledges and cash received for ministerial education at the last association, was \$187, of this the Treasurer of the Board has received \$103.85; there is still due on the pledges \$83.15. Other sums were received by the Treasurer from other sources all of which will be seen in his report, which we submit with this report.

Your Board is glad to see the success, which attended the efforts of the

Board of Ministerial Education, of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, during the past conventional year. It is doing a grand work, and we commend it to the liberality of our churches. We trust that its appeals for help will not be disregarded. Your Board would urge the churches to greater liberality in this direction. This Association ought to raise at least \$200 every year for Ministerial Education. We have young men in our midst, who need assistance, who will make useful ministers, if they can secure an education. Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

J. GUNN, President of Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Treasurer,

In account with Ministerial Educational Fund :

1884.		Dr.	
Oct. 4.	To amount on hand at last association, as reported.....	\$25	85
	To amount from Moulton church.....	5	00
	To amount from Moulton Sabbath School.....	5	00
	To amount from Mrs. S M Steenson.....	2	00
	To amount from E S Little, on Mt. Pleasant ch. pledge....	3	00
	To amount from Thos. Ward.....	1	00
	To amount from R T Wear.....	1	00
	To amount collected at Association.....	7	00
	To amount from Mrs. Laura Chitwood.....	2	50
	To amount from Hopewell church from finance committee..	6	00
	To amount from L A Wear.....	2	00
	To amount from Finance Committee.....	2	50
Nov.	To amount from Decatur church.....	3	00
	To amount from Hillsboro	3	25
1885.			
Jan.	To amount from Shoal Creek church by Bro. Cobbs.....	5	00
Feb. 16.	To amount from J C Hartsell by W B Carter	5	00
	To amount from W C Hartsell by W B Carter.....	2	50
	To amount from Bethel church by W B Carter.....	2	50
	To amount from Mt. Pisgah church by W B Carter.....	3	60
	To amount from Miss Celestia Gordon.....	50	
Mar. 5	To amount from Russellville church by R T Wear.....	15	00
	To amount from Town Creek church by R T Wear.....	10	00
May 8	To amount Mt. Pleasant by A H Stanley.....	5	00
	To amount from A H Stanley.....	5	00
June 15	To amount from Danville church by Bro. Adams.....	2	50
Aug. 9	To account from Enon church	5	00
	To amount from Moulton church.....	10	00
Total received.....		\$140	70
1884.		Cr.	
Oct. 18.	By amount sent to J E Herring, postage &c.....	\$30	18
	By amount paid for lumber.....	5	00
Nov. 20.	to Oct. 1. By amount paid Bro. Cobbs as per receipts.....	86	00
	By amount for nails.....	1	00
1885.			
May 9.	By amount paid J E Herring, 10.00 postage &c.....	10	10
Oct. 1.	By balance on hand.....	8	42
		\$140	70

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. SHACKELFORD.

Bro R. T. Wear offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the present Board of Ministerial Education be re-appointed.

The following constitutes the Board of Ministerial Education.

J. Gunn, Jos. Shackelford, J. I. Stockton, John S. Hale, O. D. Gibson, C. J. Lynch and Jourdan White.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND.

An effort was made to secure pledges and contributions for Ministerial Education, and the following pledges and contributions were secured.

Russellville church.....	\$15 00	Town Creek church.....	\$10 80
Mt. Pleasant church pd \$5 ..	15 00	Salem.....	2 00
Harmony.....	5 00	Moulton.....	7 50
Macedonia (F).....	1 00	Moulton Sunday School.....	10 00
Enon church.....	5 00	Hillsboro church.....	5 00
Friendship.....	2 00	Pleasant Hill pd 2.50.....	7 50
Mt. Pisgah.....	10 00	Decatur.....	10 00
Bethel (M).....	5 00	Shoal Creek for Bro. Cobbs..	20 00
T J Weaver.....	1 00	J D Inman.....	1 00
Mt. Nebo.....	10 00	W W Orr.....	2 50
W W Tucker.....	1 00	C G Lynch.....	5 00
Mrs. O D Gibson.....	1 00	Hillsboro Sunday S.....	1 00
Hartsell.....	5 00	Danville.....	5 00
E E Gunn.....	5 00	S H Ponder.....	50
Jos. R Armour.....	25	Sister P Gibson.....	1 00
Cash.....	75	Mrs. Martha Masterson.....	1 00

\$82 00

\$89 00

Total.....\$171 00

EDUCATION.

The report on Education was read by Bro. O. D. Gibson, also the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Moulton Baptist Female Institute, which were discussed by Bros. O. D. Gibson, J. C. Orr, Jos. Shackelford, C. G. Lynch, W. B. Carter. Bro. A. J. Harris. On motion of J. C. Orr, speeches were limited to five minutes.

The Report on Education was adopted as follows :

This subject has been so often written and spoken upon, that it need not be expected of your Committee to introduce thoughts or ideas, which will be entirely new and entertaining to this Association.

We are all ready to admit that our education and associations in the home circle, during childhood becomes second nature, and errors committed in this part of our lives are corrected with difficulty in after years. We should be very careful in the training of our children when young, and see that their minds receive only such impressions as will influence them in the direction of good morals and religion.

A very important advancement is made in education, when the mind is trained to think for itself, and analyze, and carefully consider every subject or doctrine presented to it, and that should be well considered by both parents and teachers.

We are pleased to state that the general interest in education is on the increase, but still many children in our country are growing up in ignorance of the rudiments of education, while many of them have the means near at hand, but do not avail themselves of the privileges. We are fully persuaded that the fault mostly is caused by want of education and interest on the part of those children who fail to attend school when opportunity offers.

The attendance at most of our institutions of learning is large, and constantly increasing. We should feel, that unless moral and religious impressions are made upon the pupils, we will be strengthening unsanctified learning, which will be detrimental to the best interest of morality and religion. This fact should induce us, as far as practicable, to patronize schools pervaded by strong christian influences. These consecrated schools should come to the aid of the churches, and the ministry. It is not simply education that makes a pupil virtuous and happy, but christian education is essential to elevate a country in morality, virtue and happiness. As this moral and religious education advances among the people, the education of the ministry should keep abreast of the culture of their congregations, that they may be able to lead them on to a fuller enjoyment of their intellectual and religious attainments.

O. D. GIBSON, Chairman.

FEMALE INSTITUTE AT MOULTON.

The Board of Trustees of the Baptist Female Institute, beg leave to report, that Bro. C. G. Lynch, has charge of the school, and is conducting a school for boys and girls. We recommend this school to the consideration of this Association.

O. D. GIBSON, President of Board.

In connection with this subject, Bro. Jos. Shackelford, offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Baptist Female Institute at Moulton, be instructed to take into consideration the question whether the Institute, shall be made a school for boys and girls, or whether it shall be taught as a female school. And if in their judgment, it will be best to have it as a mixed school for boys and girls, they are authorized to have the charter changed to that effect.

Resolved further, That the Trustees be instructed, that, whether the school be taught as a mixed school, or a female school, they shall elect the teachers of the same, and shall see that the building is kept in good repair.

Appointment of Board of Trustees:

Bro. Jos. Shackelford offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, who shall report the names of twelve Trustees of the Baptist Female Institute, for appointment by this Association, appointing them in classes of four each. The first class to serve for one year, the second class for two years, and the third for three years.

Under this resolution, the Moderator appointed the following Brethren as the Committee. O. D. Gibson, W. W. Orr, Wm. Irwin, T. Jones, Thomas W. Lynch. That Committee subsequently made the following report, which was adopted.

We place the Report here, as the most appropriate place for it.

The Committee on appointment of Trustees of Baptist Female Institute, at Moulton, recommend the following persons for Trustees.

For one year: W. D. McDaniel, W. T. Fruit, W. D. Irwin, S. R. C. Adams.

For two years: H. B. Irwin, T. W. Lynch, R. T. Wear, John C. Orr

For three years: M. Lyon, T. Jones, J. S. Gibson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the present members of the Executive Board, be ap-

pointed for the next Associational year. The Board consists of the following brethren:

O. D. Gibson, Chairman; C. G. Lynch, Secretary; Thomas W. Lynch, Treasurer; W. D. McDaniel, P. J. Hutchinson, Wm. G. Irwin, L. M. Wear, John Moore.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

The report on Deceased Ministers was read by Bro. J. S. Gibson, Chairman of the Committee, and thirty minutes was occupied in memorial services, in memory of Elder J. C. Roberts, deceased. Addresses were made by Bros, J. S. Gibson, A. J. Harris, R. T. Wear, W. B. Carter, M. Finney, J. R. Nesmith. At the close of which the Association sang, "Over there," a favorite hymn of Elder Roberts, and joined in prayer by Bro. R. T. Wear. The Report was then adopted as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN, It becomes our painful duty, as your Committee on Deceased Ministers to report a fact, already known to you, and commented on throughout the limits of this Association, viz: The death of our beloved Brother and fellow laborer in Christ, Elder J. C. Roberts. His life-long connection with this Association, both as a minister of Christ, and his official career as a member of your honorable body, need no comment at our hands. His devotion to the cause of our blessed Master, and the fidelity with which he served Him, together with the purity of his character is well known to you. We therefore beg to recommend to your consideration, the propriety of the suspension of the regular business of this Association, and devote thirty minutes, in a Memorial Service in honor of the memory of our beloved Brother.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. GIBSON, Chairman.
JESSE WALLACE,
W. T. COBBS, Committee.

DOCUMENTS.

The report on Documents was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Documents find on examination, that 18 churches show an increase in membership by baptism, while 21 report no increase by baptism. One church, Liberty, proposes to disband and turn its church property over to this Association. We feel, that, from the general sentiment of the letters, there is an increase in spiritual and religious interest among the churches. We find that Town Creek, Hartsell and Macedonia, in Franklin county, ask for this body to meet with them at its next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. McCLANAHAN, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was then read by Brother John C. Orr, and after a short speech by Brother Orr, was adopted as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of temperance, respectfully submit; that we read in God's Word, that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, and if we believe that Heaven and earth are to pass away before one jot or tittle of the Word of God is changed, we should

ask what should be our duty as *church members* towards these *human institutions*, that have for their object, making your boys and our boys, your neighbors and our neighbors, *drunkards*. "Know ye not, that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you: If any man defile the Temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the Temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are."

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of devils, ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of the devils."

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle;" we would, therefore, recommend, that all churches deal with such of their members, as lend their influence to the building up of institutions of Satan in our midst; whose object is to lure into paths of Sin and Vice, and destroying both, soul and body, the youths of our land. If your boy, or my boy is a drunkard, Holy Writ tells us, *He cannot enter Heaven*. Again we would ask, *what shall we do?* Shall we say as did the Jews, this sin be on us, and our children. Or, shall we as one great Baptist Brotherhood, rise up, and *wash our hands* of this moral defilement, and abomination?

J. C. ORR, Chairman,
HARVY SARGENT,
WM. EAST.

Committee

PLACE OF MEETING.

The subject of the place of the next meeting of the Association came up. Hartsell was put in nomination, Town Creek and Macedonia being withdrawn. The Association agreed unanimously to hold its next meeting with the Hartsell Church.

Brother Peter Clay offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to recommend some brother to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and an alternate.

The Moderator appointed Brethren P. Clay, J. C. Orr and Jesse Wallace.

The committee reported the names of Brother John R. Nesmith to preach the Introductory and Brother J. S. Gibson, alternate. Which report was amended, at the suggestion of Brother Nesmith, so as to read, Brother J. S. Gibson to preach the introductory and John R. Nesmith alternate.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on State of Religion made their Report, which was adopted as follows:

Your committee on State of Religion make the following report: We are not sufficiently informed as to the religious condition of the Association, to enable us to report as we could wish. We gather from the reading of the letters and the reports of our missionaries that in a goodly number of the churches there were revivals, and good feeling, and as far as we were able to see, quite a healthy condition is prevalent among the churches, and that where the Word has been preached, we have abundant reason to rejoice. But, Brethren, let us put on our armor and enter the field against the enemies for the next Associational year.

MIKE FINNEY, Chairman.

The condition of Sister Roberts, widow of Elder J. C. Roberts deceased, was mentioned and a collection was taken up for her benefit, amounting to \$18.45 cash \$15.75 subscription.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Brother John S. Hale made the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted with the understanding that the Clerk was authorized to take from the money sent up by churches, that sent no Minute Fund a sufficient pro rata share to make up the necessary amount for minutes, and also to enter the proper credits to such churches that may have contributed through the year to other Boards.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

FROM CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.	For Educa- tion.	For Associa- tion Missions.	For Foreign Missions.	For State Missions.	For Minutes.
Tuscumbia church.....					\$ 1 50
Russelville church.....	\$15 00	\$ 117 50			2 50
Macedonia church (F).....		20 00			1 50
Bethel church (L).....		25 00			2 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	10 00	43 75			2 00
Mt. Zion (L).....		5 00			75
Okolona church.....		2 50			75
Bethany church.....					95
Town Creek church.....	10 00	27 00			3 00
Salem church.....		2 50			50
Moulton church.....	10 00	40 00			2 50
Harmony church.....		11 50			1 00
New Hope church.....		5 00			50
Gum Spring church (L).....		5 00			1 25
Enon church.....	5 00	25 85			1 00
Pleasant Grove church.....		8 30			50
Hillsboro church.....	10 00	26 20		8 80	1 50
Decatur church.....	10 00	30 00		10 00	1 50
Pleasant Hill church.....		22 00			2 00
Macedonia church (M).....		8 10			75
Hopewell pd \$10 to Adams	5 00	20 00			1 50
Lebanon church.....	5 00	6 55			1 00
Friendship church.....		1 00			1 00
Mt. Pisgah church (M).....	10 00	20 00	10 00		2 50
Bethel church (M).....	5 00	12 00			1 50
Shoal Creek church.....	5 00	10 00			1 50
New Friendship church.....					1 50
Gum Spring church (M).....	2 50	5 00			1 00
Blue Spring church.....	1 50				
Mt. Nebo church.....	10 00	10 00			2 00
Mt. Zion church (M).....		3 00			90
Rocky Creek church.....		20 00			1 00
Hartsell church.....	2 50	15 00			1 50
Etha church.....		6 00			85
Mission Grove church.....		7 50			50
Danville church.....	5 00	15 00			
Zion church.....					50
Public collection on Sabbath.....		9 35			30
Miss Bettie Gunn.....		5 00			
C T Burt.....		2 50			
E E Gunn.....		5 00			
Mrs. S A Spier.....		2 00			
Mrs. E L Montgomery.....		50			
Mrs. J N B. g.....		1 00			
Carried forward.....	\$80 91		\$10 00	\$18 80	

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE—(Concluded.)

FROM CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.	For Edu- cation.	For Asso- cia- tion Missions	For Foreign Missions.	For State Missions.	For Minutes.
Brought forward.....	\$80 91		\$10 00	\$18 80	
N Bragg.....		1 00			
Miss Julia Bragg.....		1 00			
M C Bragg.....		1 00			
J C Bragg.....		1 00			
Miss Alice Bragg.....		1 00			
Miss Ava Wear.....		50			
T L Hitt.....		1 00			
Thos. McDaniel.....		1 50			
Mrs. Lucy Hurley.....		1 00			
Miss R S Finney.....		50			
Mrs. J D McClanahan.....		2 00			
W B Carter.....		5 00			
C B Carter.....		5 00			
Mrs. O B Henley.....		1 00			
James Ratliff.....		5 00			
W B Carter.....		1 25			
Total.....	\$126 50	\$ 625 35	\$10 00	\$18 80	\$47 00

Total missions and education.....	\$ 775 65
“ Minute fund.....	47 00
Total for all purposes.....	\$ 822 65

CREDITS.

By amount paid Tr. by Bro. Adams for Danville church.....	\$ 15 00
By amount paid S R C Adams by Hopewell church.....	10 00
By amount paid Treasurer by Russelville church.....	25 00
By amount paid Treasurer by Decatur church.....	10 00
By amount paid Treasurer by Hillsboro church.....	13 75
By amount paid Tr. by Bethel church by J R Nesmith.....	5 00
By amount paid State Mission Board by Decatur church.....	10 00
By amount paid State Mission Board by Hillsboro church.....	8 80
By amount paid Treasurer of educational fund.....	121 50
By amount paid Clerk for minutes.....	47 00
By amount paid Clerk for his fee.....	20 00
By balance handed Treasurer.....	536 60

\$822 65

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN S. HALE, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

By R. T. Wear.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to have 1,200 copies of the minutes published, and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to settle with the missionaries for their services.

By J. S. Gibson:

Resolved, That the Association extend its aid to Hartsell church, to the amount of one hundred dollars for missionary work, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

By J. M. Roberts:

Resolved, That the members of this Association tender their heartfelt thanks to the Moulton church, and community for their kind hospitality, extended to us during this meeting. We also return our thanks to the members of the Methodist Church for the use of their house of worship.

Resolved, That this body earnestly request the churches composing this Association, to organize Sabbath Schools in each church, and also to send representatives to meet with the district meeting of this body in May next, and then and there inaugurate some plan of encouraging Sabbath School Work in our churches.

By Jos. Shackelford:

Resolved, That fifty dollars be appropriated to each of the following Boards, out of the money raised for mission purposes, this year: The State Mission Board; the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, and the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, and that the Treasurer be authorized to send the same to these Boards, out of any money not otherwise appropriated. Provided, that all moneys directed to be sent to any one of these Boards by any church, shall be sent by him as directed.

The Executive Board was instructed to take into consideration the request of Liberty Church as to the turning over of the church property to the Association for preaching purposes, and also the condition of the Courtland Church and do the best it can to provide preaching for those places.

Brother Thos. W. Lynch was reelected Treasurer of the Association.

There being no further business. The Association, after singing a parting hymn and joining in prayer with Brother J. D. McClanahan adjourned to meet on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1886, with the Hartsell Church.

MATT LYON, Moderator.

JOS. SHACKELFORD, Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees. (The Chairman will see that the reports of their respective committees are prepared for the next Association):

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

O. D. GIBSON,
PETER CLAY,
J. T. WALLACE,

FOREIGN MISSIONS,
JOS. SHACKELFORD,
WM. EAST,
JOHN MOORE.

TEMPERANCE.

J. S. GIBSON,
J. D. McCLANAHAN,
M. FINNEY.

STATE MISSIONS.

J. GUNN,
R. M. McCLURE,
JNO. N. JACKSON.

EDUCATION.

C. G. LYNCH,
J. R. NESMITH,
W. F. ORR.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

R. T. WEAR,
JOHN C. ORR,
S. R. C. ADAMS.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	Days of Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismiss'd by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Contributions for Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Honor Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Minute Fund.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Pupils.	Superannuated Ministers & families.	
1ST DISTRICT.	Tuscumbia.....	W. H. Barksdale.	Tuscumbia.....	1-2	1	8		4	2				47	\$		\$		\$		\$ 1 50	1			
	Russellville.....	R. T. Wear.	Russellville.....	1-3	10	2	1	8	1	36	61	97	15 00			117 50		200 00		2 50	2	113		
	Newburg.....		Newburg.....	2									45											
	Macedonia (F).....	M. Finney.	Newburg.....	3		1		4	2	1	37	76	113			20 00				1 50	1	35		
	Bethel.....	J. R. Nesmith.	Avoca.....	1	4	4	4	26	6	1	93	87	180			25 00				2 00	1			
	Mt. Pleasant.....	John Speer.	Leighton.....	4	7	1		1	2				68	10 00		43 75				2 00	1	40		
	Liberty.....	Missionary Pastor.	Town Creek.....	2				2					27											
	Mt. Zion.....	W. C. Summers.	Town Creek.....	4	7		1	4	5	2	28	46	74			5 00					75	1	25	
	Okolona.....	J. S. Gibson.	Hatton.....	2	4						41	31	72			2 50					75			
	Bethany.....	W. C. Summers.	Town Creek.....	3	5	1		1	5	2	24	26	50								95			
SECOND DISTRICT.	Town Creek.....	R. T. Wear.	Mt. Hope.....	2-4	5	4	1	11	21	4	108	159	267	10 00		27 00				3 00	1			
	Salem.....	J. M. Roberts.	Moulton.....	4									60			2 50					50			
	Moulton.....	M. Lyon.	Moulton.....	4		15		3	3		18	34	52	10 00		40 00		150 00		2 50	1	5	80	
	Pleasant Grove.....	J. M. Roberts.	Moulton.....	3							16	18	34			8 30				50				
	Harmony.....	J. M. Roberts.	Moulton.....	3	2			12	2	1	18	25	43			11 50				1 00				
	Smyrna.....		Wheeler's Station.										*51											
	New Hope.....	J. M. Roberts.	Courtland.....	1				1	1	18	25	43								50				
	Mission Grove.....	John Speer.	Courtland.....	3				3	1	4	6	12				7 50				30	1	22		
	Gum Spring (L).....	J. R. Nesmith.	Hatton.....	4	4	9				1	29	42	71			5 00				1 25	1	38		
	Zion.....	Wm. Spain.	Courtland.....	1	3	2							26							50				
THIRD DISTRICT.	Enon.....	S. R. C. Adams.	Oakville.....	3	22	2		4	7	1	55	103	158	5 00		25 85		100 00		1 00				
	Pleasant Hill.....	W. T. Cobbs.	Decatur.....	2	6	10		2	5	2	30	119	169			22 00				2 00	1			
	Macedonia (M).....	J. D. McClanahan.	Flint.....	4	3	4		11	4	3	33	45	78			8 10				1 50	1			
	Hopewell.....	J. D. McClanahan.	Danville.....	1		3							58	5 00		20 00				1 50	1			
	Friendship.....	T. J. Weaver.	Danville.....	3							17	29	46			1 00				1 00				
	Lebanon.....	J. D. McClanahan.	Falkville.....	3	7	4		3	1	1	35	50	85	5 00		6 55				1 00	1			
	Mt. Pisgah.....	W. B. Carter.	Flint.....	3	8	7		6	1	5			150	10 00		20 00		100 00	10 00	2 50	1	43		
	Bethel (M).....	W. B. Carter.	Hartsell.....	2	29	12		5	1	2	38	64	102	5 00		12 00		100 00		1 50	1			
	Mt. Zion (M).....	W. G. W. Smith.	Hartsell.....	2	3			1	2	3	70	40	110			3 00				90				
	Gum Spring (M).....	J. M. Simpson.	Hartsell.....	1	6	1	1			1	18	28	46	2 50		5 00				1 00				
Shoal Creek.....	W. B. Carter.	Hartsell.....	4	6	3		4	1	2	43	78	121	5 00		10 00		50 00		1 50	2	105			
	Blue Spring.....	J. E. Weaver.	Blue Spring.....	4	17	4				1	60	49	109	1 50										
	Rocky Creek.....	J. E. Weaver.	Lawrence Cove.....	1	1	1		21	1	3			31			20 00				1 00				
	Mt. Nebo.....	W. B. Carter.	Cedar Plains.....	1	6	7		7	1		40	57	97	10 00		10 00				2 00	1			
	Etha.....	T. J. Weaver.	Etha, Culman co.....	4	4	9		3	1		12	20	32			6 00				85				
	New Friendship.....	T. J. Weaver.	Somerville.....	2	4	2		11	3		20	41	61							1 50	1	40		
	Hartsell.....	W. B. Carter.	Danville.....	4	6	13					16	14	30	2 50		15 00				1 50	1			
	Danville.....	S. R. C. Adams.	Hillsboro.....	2	5	1					7	13	20	5 00		15 00		50 00						
	Hillsboro.....	Jos. Shackelford.	Hillsboro.....	3	2	2		3	1	1			57	10 00	8 80	26 20		75 00		1 50	1	46		
	Decatur.....	Jos. Shackelford.	Decatur.....	1-2-4	4	3		1	2	14	23	37		10 00	10 00	30 00		200 00		1 50	1	40		
	Totals					191	139	12	165	85	54	999	1410	3027	121	50	18 80	571 25			10 00	46	70	23

*As reported. Total No. of Churches, 40; total membership, 3,027; total contributions for last year: For Missions and Education, \$721.55; for Minutes, \$46.70; Individual contributions, \$44.75; public collection on Sabbaths, \$9.65; superannuated Ministers and families, \$5.80. Grand total, \$827.65.

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